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1. GERMAN BOMBING TACTICS
2. FIFTH-COLUMN ACTIVITY
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To DIRECTOR.

1. SAUSAGE-DEALER [KOLBASNIKI][1] air-raids recently have been notable for the increase in the flight ceiling and the increase in the number of fighters sent to accompany the bombers and to destroy the British fighters. The press reports that on 2nd September there were 50 Dö-17's protected by 80 fighters over CHATHAM. [Over][a] KENT 20 bombers were protected by 40 fighters. The SAUSAGE-DEALERS' ceiling is given as 5,000-9,000 metres.

2. The police have found pieces of metal polished to a mirror finish round important objectives. An expert thinks that they were scattered by the Fifth Column to help the SAUSAGE-DEALERS' aircraft to get their bearings when they dropped light signals.

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Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.

Comments: ✓ [1] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.

[11] BARCH: Possibly Simon Davidovich KHEMER, whose official post was Secretary to the Soviet Military Attaché in LONDON. He was appointed in 1937 and is thought to have left sometime in 1946. The covername BARCH occurs as a LONDON addressee and signatory between 3rd March 1940 and 10th October 1940, after which it is superseded by the covername BRION.